

Activity:	State Conservation Grants Administration
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Activity Summary

Program Component	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
State Conservation Grants Administration	1,479	1,564	+61	0	1,625	+61
Total Requirements	1,479	1,564	+61	0	1,625	+61
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>-2</i>

Mission Overview

The State Conservation Grants Administration Activity supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to one mission goal for the National Park Service: Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits to the American people. The State Conservation Grants Administration activity contributes to DOI's outcome goals to improve health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources; sustain biological communities; protect cultural and natural heritage resources; provide for a quality recreation experience including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources; and, protect lives, resources and properties.

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The FY 2007 budget request for State Conservation Grants Administration is \$1.625 million and 22 FTE, with no program changes requested for FY 2007.

Program Overview

The **State Conservation Grants Administration** activity administers matching grants to States, and through States to local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that provide public access to the lands, waters and other recreation resources. This contributes to conserving natural and cultural resources; continuing and promoting State outdoor recreation planning; and promoting a greater commitment by State governments to conserve and improve recreation resources.

The State Conservation Grants Administration activity administers grant projects in cooperation with State partners so as to ensure continuing accountability and compliance with applicable mandates including Section 6(f)(3) which ensures perpetual access to over 40,000 fund-assisted site by present and future generation. The administration oversees active grants, closes completed grants, processes grant billings, and resolves audit exceptions. Further tasks include the provision of technical assistance to States in developing and updating Statewide outdoor recreation plans, overseeing the State/Federal partnership of on-site reviews of potential recreation sites for compliance with program requirements, to review and approve conversions of park land when warranted and to ensure provision of replacement property pursuant to the enabling legislation.

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

In FY 2007, State Conservation Grants Administration plans to:

- Award 150 new grants.
- Fund the creation of 30-50 new park and recreation areas.
- Negotiate and resolve 50-60 conversion issues.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

In FY 2006, State Conservation Grants Administration plans to:

- Award 300 new grants.
- Fund the creation of 60-70 new park and recreation areas.
- Monitor on-site inspections of approx. 2,000 recreation projects.
- Negotiate and resolve 50-60 conversion issues.
- Oversee approximately 1,950 active projects and close out 300-350 of those.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

In FY 2005, State Conservation Grants Administration:

- Awarded 592 new grants.
 - Funded the creation of 115 new park and recreation areas.
 - Monitored on-site inspections of 2,452 recreation projects.
 - Negotiated and resolved 59 conversion issues.
 - Closed-out 345 active projects.
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